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Application of: Gary P. Schroth

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For: METHODS OF USING  
UNNATURAL NUCLEOBASES  
FOR DECODING

Attorney Docket No.: 9584-030-999

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Restriction Requirement mailed February 13, 2003, in connection with the above-captioned application. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, drawn to method of nucleic acid hybridization.

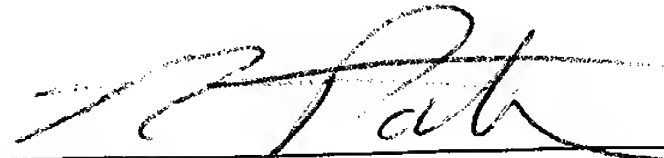
**CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. An early indication of the same and passage of Claims 1-12 to issuance is therefore kindly solicited.

Applicants believe no other fee is due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and all required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment, to Pennie & Edmonds LLP U.S. Deposit Account No. 16-1150. (9584-030-999)

Respectfully submitted,

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